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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 614

Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Sections 1012.2 and 1012.3 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 614, as amended, Chávez. Veterans' homes of California: reimbursement rates.

Existing law provides for the establishment and operation of the Veterans' Home of California at various sites for aged and disabled veterans who meet certain eligibility requirements. Existing law requires members of the homes to pay fees and charges as determined by the department, but prohibits the total of the member's fees and charges for specified types of care for any fiscal year to be greater than a certain percentage of the member's annual income.

This bill would provide that a veteran member of the home *who is in intermediate care or skilled nursing care* would not be subject to charges and fees if he or she meets specified criteria for disability status and payments by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs under specified federal regulations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1012.2 of the Military and Veterans Code
2 is amended to read:

3 1012.2. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, any member
4 of the home who is receiving an aid and attendance allowance
5 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and who
6 has no dependent spouse, child, grandchild, father, or mother shall
7 pay to the home an amount equal to that allowance in all levels of
8 care excluding domiciliary.

9 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a member of the home who
10 *is in intermediate care or skilled nursing care and* has a disability
11 that has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans
12 Affairs as being 70 percent or more service-connected, as
13 determined under Part 4 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal
14 Regulations.

15 (b) One hundred percent of the moneys received by the home
16 under this section shall be placed to the credit of the home and
17 shall augment the current appropriation for the support of the home.

18 SEC. 2. Section 1012.3 of the Military and Veterans Code is
19 amended to read:

20 1012.3. (a) Members of the home shall pay fees and charges
21 as determined by the department, except that the total of the
22 individual member's fees and charges for any fiscal year shall not
23 be greater than as set forth in the following schedule:

24 (1) Forty-seven and one-half percent of the member's annual
25 income for domiciliary care.

26 (2) Fifty-five percent of the member's annual income for
27 residential care for the elderly or assisted living.

28 (3) Sixty-five percent of the member's annual income for
29 intermediate care.

30 (4) Seventy percent of the member's annual income for skilled
31 nursing care.

32 (b) Nonveteran spouses who become members of the home on
33 or after July 1, 2009, shall pay fees and charges based on the level
34 of care, as described in subdivision (a), or an amount equal to the
35 annual amount of federal per diem received for a veteran member

1 in domiciliary care, whichever is greater. If the nonveteran
2 member's income is less than the annual amount of federal per
3 diem for a veteran member in domiciliary care, the nonveteran
4 member shall pay a maximum of 90 percent of his or her annual
5 income.

6 (c) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to a member of the home
7 who *is in intermediate care or skilled nursing care and* has a
8 disability that has been rated by the United States Department of
9 Veterans Affairs as being 70 percent or more service-connected,
10 as determined under Part 4 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal
11 Regulations and whose related payments made under Section 51.41
12 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations are considered by
13 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as payment in
14 full for the member's care.